

Temescal Canyon Association

Since 1972 Dedicated to Preservation of the Santa Monica Mountains

Citizen Redistricting Commission 1130 K St., Suite 101 Sacramento, CA 95814



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Dear Member of the Citizens Redistricting Commission:

I have been a resident of Pacific Palisades for over forty years, and for much of that time I have been deeply involved with Temescal Canyon Association.

Temescal Canyon Association was founded in 1972 to prevent the sale of what is now Temescal Gateway Park for a golf driving range. In subsequent years TCA has helped preserve Temescal Canyon from a variety of threats including a cross-mountain road, and in the mid seventies TCA was instrumental in creating a plan for the acquisition of what is now Topanga State Park.

TCA in recent years has been instrumental in preserving and restoring Lower Los Liones Canyon, and for creating the mural on the retaining wall in that canyon. And recently, working with our local rangers we have financed and produced the official Topanga State Park map.

The guiding principle of our organization is the preservation of the Santa Monica Mountains. The Santa Monica Mountains are a major and significant natural landmark that residents have in common on both sides of the mountains. SF Valley, Las Virgenes, Malibu and Westside residents all share this protected area of regional open space Thus it is of extreme importance to our Association to have elected representatives who share our concern for protecting open space, watersheds, wildlife corridors, and essential recreational opportunities for our communities. I am writing to urge that the Commission include these communities, because of the common interest we share; we should be in the same legislative and congressional districts.

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Yours sincerely,

Carol Leacock, President